

COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MINISTERS RESIDENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

ASKING

For authority to pay salaries of certain ministers resident out of any balance of former appropriations.

DECEMBER 15, 1858.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 14, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter to the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, requesting that authority be given by joint resolution of Congress, or otherwise, to pay the salaries of the ministers resident to the Argentine Confederation, Costa Rica, and Honduras, out of any balance of former appropriations in the treasury "for salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States," and will thank you to give it the proper direction.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

HON. JAMES L. ORR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 14, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to state that, pursuant to the 9th section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the diplomatic and consular sys-

tems of the United States," approved August 18, 1856, the President has accredited a minister resident to the Argentine Confederation, who has been instructed to proceed to Buenos Ayres; a minister resident to Nicaragua, who has been instructed to proceed to Costa Rica; and also a minister resident to Guatemala, who has been instructed to proceed to Honduras.

There having been no appropriation for the salary of a minister resident to the Argentine Confederation, Costa Rica, or to Honduras, I have the honor to request that, pursuant to the act above mentioned, authority by joint resolution of Congress, or otherwise, be given to pay the compensation for the ministers to those countries out of any balance of former appropriations in the treasury "for salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Mexico, China, Chile, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Rome, Naples, Sardinia, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, Buenos Ayres, New Grenada, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Sandwich Islands."

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. JOHN S. PHELPS,

*Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.*